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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7474

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY EX-AMERICAN POW COL. LAIRD GUTTERSON, USAF, RET.

REF: STATE 206667

1. COLONEL GUTTERSON AND WIFE ARRIVED IN BANGKOK FROM SAIGON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1974. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 THEY WERE FORTUNATE IN MEETING WITH EX-THAI POW HARAVEE DURING THE DAY WHILE RTG WAS HONORING HIM WITH A PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN IN RTA ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE THAI RELIGIOUS CEREMONY. THESE ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE IN LOPBURI WITH RTA CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL BOONCHAI ATTENDING.

2. RTG ALLOWED PRESS COVERAGE BY BOTH THAI AND INTER-NATIONAL PRESS. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS HARNAVEE HOLDS TO THE LINE THAT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY AMERICANS LEFT IN EITHER LAOS OR NORTH VIETNAM. ALSO PRESS COVERAGE MENTION THE FACT THAT HARNAVEE WORKED FOR THE CIVILIAN AIRLINE, BIRD AIR, WHICH ACCORDING PRESS STORIES, WAS UNDER CONTRACT TO CIA IN LAOS AND WHICH HAS JUST SIGNED A NEW CONTRACT TO TAKE OVER AMERICAN LOGISITC FLIGHTS IN

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3. GUTTERSON AND WIFE ARE NO LONGER PLANNING TO
TRAVEL TO VIENTIANE AND ARE DEPARTING BANGKOK TODAY,
OCTOBER 8 FOR TAIPEI WHERE THEY PLAN TO SPEND TWO DAYS
PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR HONOLULU.
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